

# LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

## Third Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m.—December 13, 2020

**1ST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, TONAWANDA**

Rev. Leslie Latham, Pastor

**KENMORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Rev. Rebecca Chaffee, Interim Pastor

**MARYVALE DRIVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Rev. Dorothy Pearman, Pastor

## GATHERING

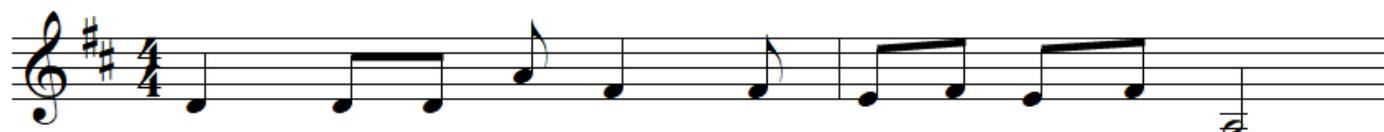
**WELCOME**

**ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING**

**ADVENT SONG** (UMC 210)

*“All Earth is Waiting”* (vs. 3)

**TAULÈ**



Moun - tains and val - leys will have to be made plain;



O - pen new high-ways, new high-ways for the Lord. He is



now com - ing clo - ser, so come all and see, And



o - pen the door-ways as wide as wide can be.

**PRELUDE**

*“In the Bleak Midwinter”*

Naomi Boyle, piano

Gustav T. Holst  
*Arr. Mary McDonald*

Please respond with those portions of the liturgy printed in ***bold italics***.

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**CALL TO WORSHIP**

When God restores our fortune, our dreams will come true.

***We will sing "Glory!" to our God; we will rejoice in our Savior's birth.***

Our mouths shall be filled with laughter; joy shall chime from our lips.

***God has made it clear: those who serve are God's children.***

Then we will proclaim: 'look what the Lord has done':

***So others will know beyond any doubt***

***how the Holy One has blessed us with hope.***

We wept - now we will cheer "Joy! Joy!"

We were lost - now we will run home laughing.

***For God has picked us up where we fell;***

***God has kept the promises made so long ago.***

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Third Space ([third-space.org.uk](http://third-space.org.uk))

**CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

**PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS**

***We try not to do any evil, Anointing God,  
but it is so hard to let go of those little things we enjoy -  
gossiping about the pregnant girl in the neighborhood;  
making light of the accomplishments of a co-worker;  
daydreaming about someone else's partner.***

***Forgive us, Loving God.***

***You have freely given us salvation,***

***yet we act as if we are the ones who paid for it.***

***Help us to rejoice always in your grace,***

***and to give thanks in every moment for that life we receive  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.***

**SILENT CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Go, and take God's Good News to others:

to those held captive by sin;

to those cradling broken hearts;

to those grieving lost relationships.

God forgives us all and makes us new.

***Even as we rejoice in God's mercy, we will tell everyone we meet,***

***"God has done such wondrous things for us,  
and wants to do the same for you!"***

***Thanks be to God! Amen.***

**GLORIA PATRI** (GtG 133)*“O Come All Ye Faithful”* (vs. 2)**ADESTE FIDELES**

***True God from true God, Light from light eternal,  
born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;  
Very God, begotten, not created!  
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!***

**THE PEACE**

## THE WORD

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION****FIRST READING**

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

This is the Word of the Lord.  
***Thanks be to God.***

**TIME WITH CHILDREN****ANTHEM**

*“On This Day, Earth Shall Ring”*  
Joyous Bells—Emma Haupt, director

Traditional  
Arr. Anna Laura Page

**GOSPEL READING**

John 1:6-8, 19-28

This is the Word of the Lord.  
***Thanks be to God.***

**SERMON**

Rev. Leslie Latham

**HYMN 96** (online only)*“On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry”***WINCHESTER NEW****PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

RESPONSE: Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

**LORD'S PRAYER**

Traditional

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.***

**CHORAL AMEN** (GtG 108)*“Of the Father's Love Begotten”* (vs. 6)**DIVINIUM MYSTERIUM**

***Christ, to thee with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,  
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be.  
Honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory,  
Evermore and evermore! Amen.***

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**CALL TO THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

*“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”*

Plainsong  
*Arr. Kurt Ebsary*

**DOXOLOGY** (GTG 113)

*“Angels We Have Heard on High”*

**GLORIA**

***Praise to God the Father sing, Praise to God the Son, our King,  
Praise to God the Spirit be ever and eternally.  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!***

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***May the gifts we offer in these moments  
be light for those in the shadows of society,  
be food for those who hunger,  
refreshment for those parched by life,  
and hope for all who cry out to you, O God.  
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.***

SENDING

**HYMN 132** (online only)

*“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”*

**IN DULCI JUBILO**

**CHARGE**

The God who makes everything whole,  
***sends us forth to bring healing to the broken-hearted  
and to comfort the mourners in our midst.***

The Christ who comes to be with us,  
***sends us forth to stand with the oppressed,  
to release those held captive by sin, to invite the lonely into our lives.***

The Spirit who calls you to faithfulness,  
***sends us forth to proclaim the gospel that today is God's moment,  
the day when all people will be blessed.***

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*“Ding Dong! Merrily on High”*  
Naomi Boyle, piano

French Melody  
*Arr. Lloyd Larson*

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# 96 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -  
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery life from sin; make  
 3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our  
 4 Stretch forth your hand; our health re - store, and

nounc - es that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,  
 straight the way for God with - in, and let us all our  
 ref - uge and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we  
 make us rise to fall no more. O let your face up -

for he brings glad ti - dings of the King of kings!  
 hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.  
 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.  
 on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.

This hymn shows how once-unconnected parts can work together. The text about John the Baptist was written in Latin in the 18th century and translated into English in the 19th century. Similarly, the 17th-century melody was adapted to its present form in the 19th century.

## 132 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

1 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
 2 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
 3 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;  
 now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!  
 now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.  
 He has o - pened heav - en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.  
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!  
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!  
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Carols using two languages, like this one dating from at least the 14th century, belong to a special group called "macaronic," the original languages here being German and Latin. Though the present version is only in English, it is sung to the traditional German folk melody.